

merchants, while the Railway staff with the exception of the Station Master had to cross the heated sandy plain to take their day meals. The proposed Valiathoray extension would not mend matters, as it would serve only a small portion of the town. The Member, therefore, proposed the extension of the railway to the heart of the town and the opening of two stations immediately, one at Vallakadavu and the other near the Chalai Bazaar, with smaller stations at other suburbs of the town.

Dewan's reply.—Noted. In regard to the Satrom, H. H. The Maha Raja has commanded that, out of his private purse, a Satrom should be built at the beach near the Railway station. The estimated cost of the building is Rs 35,000. The Railway authorities have been addressed to commence the work early.

157. Needs of the town of Attungal.

Mr. Krishnan Poti (Member, T. I. C., Attungal) represented that the Tahsildar of Chirayinkil was also the ex-officio President of the Town Improvement Committee of Attungal and that, as he had to spend 20 days every month in camp and to attend to his Revenue and Magisterial duties, he could not find time to attend to the affairs of the Committee. Consequently, prompt and effective action on the part of the Committee was impossible as long as the Tahsildar remained the President. Since non-official Presidents were allowed to Alleppey and Nagercoil Town Improvement Committees, the Member requested that the same privilege might be extended to Attungal also.

As the Inspector under the Committee had to go to Varkalai to conduct the cases charged under the Towns Conservancy and Improvement Regulation, it was necessary to give him a monthly allowance.

He next requested that the following lanes might be improved :—

1. From Kollanpuzha Kadavu to the market-road, three-fourths of a mile in length.
2. From Avanavancherry Kalpada-kadavu to Venjaramudu *via* Kochalummudu and Thattatheruvu.
3. From the eastern gate of the Avanavancherry temple to Mamom river *via* Kochalummudu and from the Mamom river to Mamom cattle market.
4. From Veeralam temple westwards to Kuthiralayathil road and Koickal *etc.*
5. From the eastern side of the Attungal Girls' School to Nilakkamukku road *via* Veeralam, Kunnumarom, Melattungal, *etc.*

The Member also requested that additional lights be put up in the streets of the town at the following places :—

1. 12 lights more on the road from the Manomohanavilasom Hill Bungalow to Poovanpara bridge.
2. 7 lights on the road from Kizhakenalumukku to Kollenpuzha Kadavu.
3. 7 lights from the Kacherinada to Velakkudi.
4. 2 lights from the Kacherinada to the turn to Melattungal on the Market road.
5. 2 lights from the Kacherinada to the English School.
6. 1 light on the eastern extremity of the Attungal Gramom.
7. 1 light near the southern gate of the new High School.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

158. Urgent needs of Karthikapalli taluk.

Mr. R. K. Cherian (Member, Karthikapalli taluk) represented that it was very necessary that the Lower Grade English School at Haripad should be raised to the standard of a High School. If it could not be done at once, he requested that every year one class might be added to the school, so that in three years it would become a complete High School. The people were prepared to raise the funds required to put up the necessary buildings.

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The Member next dwelt upon the necessity of improving the following means of communication, viz:—

1. The Kayankulam-Thottapalli road formed part of the Alleppey-Quilon road. Its improvement formed the first item in the programme of work for the Quilon Division. But nothing was done towards the improvement of the road. The total length of the road was 12 miles of which 3 miles at Haripad had been metalled already, so that there remained only 9 miles to be metalled.
2. The Karthikapalli-Thrikunnapuzha road should be improved, and the bridges on it constructed or repaired.
3. The Haripad-Elanjimel road should be clearly marked and the bund on it between Haripad and Pallipad with the bridge at its middle should be repaired, as also the bund between Pallipad and Chennithala. Two ferry-boats also were necessary to take passengers across the river at Pallipad.
4. The blocked-up portions of the Mundattumkarathodu should be opened and the Tanathodu should be straightened and deepened.

Mr. C. Thomas (Member, T. I. C., Haripad) represented the following needs,—

1. Widening and deepening of the Tanathodu. Funds for those purposes had already been sanctioned. The work had to be expedited.
2. The improvement of the Mavelikara-Thrikunnapuzha road, and the widening and deepening of the Pulikeezh river so as to allow the passage of steam boats between Alleppey and Quilon.
3. The Kartikapalli Higher Grade Vernacular School for girls was held in a hired building which was situated in an inconvenient and damp locality. A *thanathu chitta* land had been given for putting up a school-building and provision made in the budget for the purpose. The Member requested that the work might be begun at once or that a temporary shed at least be put up there and the school removed to that place.
4. An English school for girls at the place was another desideratum.

He also suggested that the improvement of the Tanathodu, the repairs to the Mavelikara-Thrikunnapuzha road and the widening and deepening of the Pulikeezh river might be left to the Town Improvement Committee, Haripad, and the necessary funds transferred to them.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

159. Needs of the Mavelikara taluk.

Mr. P. Jacob Kurien (Member, Nominated) strongly urged the necessity of opening an English school for girls at Mavelikara and said that the people were prepared to put up the building, if Government would grant a site.

He also requested that the *thodu* from the Kulakkada river to Thazhakkara *padom* might be broadened and deepened. It was useful for about 400 *paras* of paddy lands. The Kulakkada river at Tharayamuku should also be broadened and deepened.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

160. Certain urgent needs of the town of Mavelikara.

Mr. N. G. Parameswaran Pillai (Member, T. I. C., Mavelikara) said that the first need of the taluk was the opening of a school for girls at Mavelikara. The people were prepared either to give a site or put up the building required for the school, but were unable to do both as demanded by the Department. He requested, therefore, that arrangements might be made to have the school opened from the beginning of the next school year.

He next represented that the *thodu* from the Prayikara river to the Pamba river via Kuttemperur was becoming silted up owing to the southern bank of the